pleased to order the investigation of the project with reference to the availability of water and whether the Government will come to a decision either to abandon the scheme or to defer the scheme only after such an investigation is made? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member will please repeat the question."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" The other day, the Hon. the Chief Minister was pleased to say that the scheme had to be deferred just because water was not available. He further stated that the scheme was not fully investigated into. I want that the scheme should be further investigated fully with reference to the availability of water and then only the Government should come to a decision whether it should be taken up or abandoned. Merely saying that the scheme has been deferred in view of the uncertainty of supplies of water has no meaning at all. I wish to know categorically whether the Government will take up further investigation of the scheme or not? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no question resulting from the speech of the hon. Member."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" I want to know whether the Government are going to investigate the scheme with reference to the availability of water or not."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The suggestion in the question is that we should come to an immediate decision and not take time to make a decision. This also will be taken into consideration."

Liquor permit-holders in Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 294 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any liquor permit-holders in Udayarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district ; and

(*b*) if so, the number of such holders with the periods of the respective permits?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.
" (*b*) Does not arise."

New Well-subsidy Scheme for the South Arcot district.

* 295 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the total number of wells in respect of which

(1) recovery of subsidy; and

(2) write off of proposals were sanctioned in South Arcot district during the fasli years 1358 to 1362 under the New Well-subsidy Scheme?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (1) 346.
(2) 2."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Write off செய்யவேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன ? அதில் எத்தனை பேர் காங்கிரஸ்காரர்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government do not go into the political complexion of the applicants."

Liquor permit-holders in Madras City.

* 296 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many liquor permit holders there are in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Minister recently appealed to the liquor permit holders to surrender their permits, and with what result?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" (*a*) On 31st October 1953, there were 231 Indian and 602 non-Indian liquor permit-holders in the City of Madras.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir. When presiding over the Taluk Harijans' Conference at Pollachi on 1st November 1953, the Minister appealed to the liquor permit-holders to surrender their permits for their own benefit and co-operate with the Government to make Prohibition a success. The appeal has not so far produced any result."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, without meaning any disrespect to the Hon. Minister for Prohibition, may I know whether the immediate ex-Sheriff of Madras has a permit for liquor and if so, has the appeal of the Hon. Minister no effect upon him? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" I am afraid the hon. Member has collected very wrong information." (Laughter.)

Assignment of lands to Harijans in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 297 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state— 12 noon.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, during this year, 400 Harijans were deprived of lands originally assigned to them at Tiruchirappalli;

(*b*) what was the extent of lands assigned to them;

(*c*) when the lands were assigned;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that more than hundred Harijans marched to the Collectorate at Tiruchirappalli with placards and slogans on 25th August 1953 protesting against the eviction orders passed on them;